THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BIR BAHADUR SINGH): (a) Information regarding 1985-86 will be laid on the Table of the House. The information in regard to 1986-87, 1987-88 and current year is as under:—

1986-87	. . .	121
1987-88	. . .	18
Current year	. . .	Nil

Number of employees absorbed so far out of the above—34.

(b) Remaining persons will be taken back as and when fresh posts are created on the basis of work-load or alternate vacancies become available.

(c) As per the orders issued by the Department of Posts on 15-7-87, the E.D. Employees found surplus as a result of revision of norms should be absorbed in the vacancies arising in future. In case no vacancy is available immediately or become available in future, he should be allowed to continue in the same post till promoted|retires|dies in harness. etc. This applies to cases arising on or after 15-7-87 when the revised orders were issued. This will have prospective effect. In respect of cases arising earlier they are governed by the procedure in para (b) above.

Amount due on Flucort of formulations

*237. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 4588 given in the Rajya Sabha on 5th September, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry detected that the producers of Flucort range of formulations owe to Government amounts under Para 7(2) of DPCO, 1979;

(b) if so, when was it detected and when was the first notice issued to the producer;

(c) whether his Ministry has received full details in this regard; and

(d) if so, what is the amount due and how much has been recovered so far?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The prices of Flucort range of formulations were reduced under DPCO, 1979, in 1984. All representations received in such cases will be referred to the High Powered Committee proposed to be constituted.

Proposals from NRIs for setting up industries in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu

*238. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI:

SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the proposals for setting up of industries in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu from NRIs which are pending with Government for clearance and what are the reasons for the delay in their clearance; and

(b) what is the number of licences granted to them so far?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The number of industrial licence applications received from NRIs to set up units in the Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, which are pending with the Government are two and one respectively. The applications have been received only recently. They are for the manufacture of fishing vessels, cement and low-alcohol beer.

(b) Since setting up of the Special Approval Committee (NRI) in Nov., 1983. 45 and 13 letters of intent|SIA Regns. have been issued so far to NRIs to set up units in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu respectively.

Supreme Court judgement on drug prices

*239. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1516 given in the Rajya Sabha on 4th May, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Supreme Court has directed in a judgement that the